

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the instant application:

1. (Currently amended) An antisense compound 15 to 25 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding human stearyl-CoA desaturase, wherein the antisense compound specifically hybridizes with at least 90% complementarity to a sequence within the range of nucleotides 2989 to 3054 of SEQ ID NO: 3 ~~with at least 90% complementarity~~ and inhibits the expression of human stearyl-CoA desaturase.
2. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 1, which is an antisense oligonucleotide.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 2, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified internucleoside linkage.
5. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 4, wherein the modified internucleoside linkage is a phosphorothioate linkage.
6. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 2, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified sugar moiety.
7. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 6, wherein the modified sugar moiety is a 2'-O-methoxyethyl sugar moiety.
8. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 2, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified nucleobase.
9. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 8, wherein the modified nucleobase is a 5-methylcytosine.
10. (Previously presented) The antisense compound according to claim 2, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a chimeric oligonucleotide.

11.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) A composition comprising the antisense compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

22.-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) The antisense compound according to claim 1, wherein said antisense compound comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: ~~29~~, 30, 124, or 125.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently amended) The antisense compound according to claim 1, wherein said antisense compound consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: ~~29~~, 30, 124, or 125.